

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 1ST OF APRIL, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Chief Secretary, Lt-Colonel G.S.Symes.
Attorney General, Mr.N.de M.Bentwich.
Treasurer, Mr. S. S. Davis.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided to recommend to the Secretary of State the exemption from Import duty of the following articles :-

1. Capsules for Bottles.
2. Corks.
3. Cotton Yarns.
4. Dental, Surgical and Medical appliances and apparatus.
5. Disinfectants.
6. Drugs, raw and prepared.
7. Bottles, jars, demijohns and iron drums.
8. Life belts.
9. Mother of Pearl Shells.
10. Printing and Book Binding Machinery.
11. Printers Types.
12. Silk and Artificial Silk Yarn.
13. Sulphur.
14. Tools and Implements used in handicrafts.
15. Woollen and Worsted Yarns.
16. Optical Appliances, other than Binoculars.
17. Apparatus for the extinction of fire.

Charities Exemptions from Customs Ordinance 1926. 3. The draft Charities Exemption from Customs Ordinance 1926 was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Present: Director, Department of Customs, Excise and Trade. His Excellency directed that reference should be made in the covering despatch to the proposed exemptions from import duty of drugs and medical appliances passed at this meeting.

P.J.C.A. (Amendment) Ordinance, 1926. 4. The Palestine Jewish Colonisation Association (Amendment) Ordinance was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Breij estate case.5. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that the Department of Lands should be instructed to withdraw from the action which had been instituted in the Land Court by the tenants of the Patriarchate on the Breij estate and in which the Department has intervened as a third party.

Minutes read and confirmed.

James F. M.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

7th April, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 7TH OF APRIL, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Chief Secretary, Lt-Col. G. S. Symes.
Attorney General, Mr. N. de M. Bentwich.
Treasurer, Mr. S. S. Davis.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Evidence of Heads
of Religious
Communities.

2. Draft Rules of Court concerning the taking of evidence of Heads of Religious Communities were passed for transmission to the Chief Justice for his consideration.

Department of Posts
and Telegraphs.

Present: Postmaster
General.

3. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided to recommend to the Secretary of State that, as from the 1st April, 1927, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs should receive credits in respect of all telegraph and telephone services rendered to Departments of the Government.

Reciprocal enforce-
ments and judgments
with Egypt.

4. A revised draft of the Convention with the Egyptian Government for the reciprocal enforcement of judgments, and a draft Ordinance to provide for the application in Palestine of the Convention were passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Carriage of Goods
by Sea Ordinance.

5. The draft Carriage of Goods by Sea Ordinance was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

His Excellency directed that the alternative wording for section 4 of the draft, suggested by the Attorney General, should be referred to the Secretary of State in the covering despatch.

Tobacco (Amendment)
Ordinance 1926.

6. The draft Tobacco (Amendment) Ordinance 1926 was amended and passed for consideration by the Advisory Council.

Mining Ordinance
1925.

7. Regulations under section 93 of the Mining Ordinance 1925 were considered and passed for publication with the exception of Regulation 7(2) which was reserved for further consideration.

Union of Local
Councils.

8. The Council considered a despatch from the Secretary of State on the subject of the formation of unions of Municipal or Local Councils for the purpose of raising loans.

His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that a reply should be sent stating that, as suggested by the Secretary of State, the question should be deferred for the present and considered in conjunction with the contemplated general revision of legislation concerning Municipalities. It should, however, be stated that in the event of any definite project of public interest involving a union of local authorities for the purpose of a loan being submitted to Government before the revision takes place, it would be considered on its merits.

Imperial Preference.

9. The Secretary of State's despatch dated the 17th of March, 1926, on the subject of the extension to Palestine of Imperial Preference, was noted.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER.

15th April, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 8TH OF APRIL, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Chief Secretary, Lt-Col.G.S. Symes.
Attorney General, Mr.N.de M.Bentwich.
Treasurer, Mr. S.S. Davis.

Improvements to Jaffa
Port.

Present : Director,
Department of Public
Works.

1. The Council considered the report of the Jaffa Port Commission.

(a) His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided that the Government should refrain from embarking on extensive schemes in connection with the Jaffa Port until expert advice on the various projects had been obtained and funds were available. The Government should pursue the policy of improving landing and storage facilities, which will be required in any case, on the lines of the proposals submitted to the Secretary of State on the 18th of December, 1925.

(b) It was noted that many of the proposals submitted to the Secretary of State were reproduced in the recommendations of the Commission.

(c) The following decisions were made in connection with the Commission's proposals :-

- (i) that the proposal of the Commission to provide for improved accommodation for lighters by means of the construction of a sea wall at a cost of £E.2,400, should be recommended to the Secretary of State as a project, additional to those submitted on the 18th of December 1925, to be carried out at an early date.
- (ii) that the Government should acquire, in due course, the Municipal buildings in the Port area.

In this connection His Excellency directed the Director of Public Works to examine and report upon the question of constructing an extra storey on the Customs building and increasing the height of the light-house.

- (iii) that the extension of the broad gauge Railway line from the station to the Customs area should be deferred for consideration as part of the main scheme of harbour and Railway development and therefore not a matter for immediate execution.

(iv)

- (iv) that the construction and maintenance of roads within the harbour area should be undertaken by the Government but that roads outside the area were a charge on the Municipality.

His Excellency directed that the District Commissioner should be informed that any scheme formulated by the Town Planning Commission for the construction of roads leading to the Port area would be sympathetically considered.

- (d) His Excellency directed that the Secretary of State should be urged to approve the further stages of the scheme already submitted and the Commission informed of the Government's proposals in the matter.

Regulations under
Mining Ordinance,
1925.

2. The remaining regulations under the Mining Ordinance 1925, were approved.

Expropriation of
Land Ordinance.

3. A draft despatch to the Secretary of State on the subject of the draft Expropriation of Land Ordinance was approved.

Land Settlement.

4. His Excellency, with the advice of the majority of the Council, decided to recommend to the Secretary of State that Sir E.M. Dowson should be engaged for a period of one year, subject to extension if necessary, in order to commence the operations of a Land Settlement Scheme.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER.

15 April, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MEETING
HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ON THE 15TH OF APRIL, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Chief Secretary, Lt-Col. G.S.Symes.
Attorney General, Mr. N. de M.Bentwich.
Treasurer, Mr. S.S. Davis.

1. The minutes of the 111th and 112th Meetings were read and confirmed.
2. The draft Customs Prosecution Amendment Ordinance 1926, was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.
3. The draft Prisons Amendment Ordinance 1926, was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.
4. Draft instructions to Sir E.Dowson with regard to the proposed Land Settlement Scheme were considered, amended and approved.
5. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, approved of the award to Mr.L.Routchtein, late of the Department of Agriculture and Forests, of a disability pension of £E.39 per annum as from the date on which he ceased to draw pay.
6. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, approved of Police constables and warders being classified E for the purpose of the Travelling Allowance and Transport Regulations.
7. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that the Palestine Zionist Executive should be given 2500 certificates as the immigration quota for the half-yearly period April - September 1926. They should, however, be informed that in view of their representations the Government would be prepared to consider any application, made before the 30th of June, 1926, for an additional number of certificates for issue during the last half of the period.

Customs Prosecution
Amendment Ordinance.

Prisons Amendment
Ordinance.

Land Settlement
Scheme.

Pension to Mr.L.
Routchtein.

Classification of
Police Constables
and Warders.

Labour Immigration
Schedule for half
year April-Septem-
ber, 1926.

His Excellency/

His Excellency directed that the allocation of the certificates as between skilled and unskilled labour should be left to the discretion of the Palestine Zionist Executive.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Munir F. N.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

22 April, 1926.

On the 22nd of April, 1926.

Chief Secretary, Lt-Colonel G.S.Symes.
Attorney General, Mr.N.de M.Bentwich.
Treasurer, Mr. S. S. Davis.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Measures for the Prevention of Smuggling.

Present : Commandant,
Palestine Police;
Director, Department
of Customs, Excise
and Trade.

2. The Council considered representations by the Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, regarding the prevention of smuggling on the Mediterranean littoral. It was decided that additional measures to prevent smuggling were necessary and should be part of the duties of the Police.

His Excellency directed that the Commandant should be so informed and instructed to submit detailed proposals.

Regulations for a General Police Fund.

Present: Commandant,
Palestine Police.

Regulations under
Police Ordinance.

Present: Commandant,
Palestine Police.

3. Draft regulations for the General Police Fund, made under Section 40 of the Police Ordinance, were approved.

4. Draft regulations, made under the Police Ordinance, regarding the form of attestation papers, declarations of Special Constables, etc., and the form of oath for Police Officers, were approved.

Mohamed Hussein el Thalji.

Present: Commandant,
Palestine Police.

Palestine Trade
Commissioner in
London.

Trans-Jordan
Frontier Force.

5. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, approved of the grant of a reward of £E.100 to the mother of the late Mohamed Hussein el Thalji who was killed whilst attempting to apprehend armed robbers.

6. The question of the appointment of a Palestine Trade Commissioner in London was considered and His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided not to approve of the project.

7. The form of the Oath to be taken by the officers of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force was approved.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER.

28 April, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Fifteenth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 28th of April, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Chief Secretary, Lt-Col. G.S. Symes.
Attorney General, Mr. N. de M. Bentwich.
Treasurer, Mr. S.S. Davis.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Draft Regulations under Section 34 of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinance were approved.
Regulations under the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinance.
3. The Council noted the Secretary of State's approval of the change of the Financial Year and His Excellency directed that the proposed change should be made public at the time of the preparation of the estimates for the period 1st April, 1927 to 31st December, 1927.
Change of Financial Year.
4. The Council considered proposals for the establishment of a Central Law Library. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided that the existing Court Library should be supplemented as proposed by the Acting Chief Justice and used for purposes of reference. Also that such additional junior clerical assistance required for the service of the enlarged library should be provided.
Central Law Library.
5. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, approved of a despatch to the Secretary of State proposing the adhesion of Palestine to the establishment of an International Locust Bureau at Damascus.
Locust Bureau.
6. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that a despatch should be addressed to the Secretary of State making the following recommendations with regard to points raised in Mr. Anthony's report on the Palestine Railways :-
Mr. Anthony's Report on the Palestine Railways.

- (a) that the scheme of constructing a harbour at Haifa and improving landing facilities at Jaffa should be prosecuted in preference to the improvements on the Railway connection with Egypt proposed by Mr. Anthony;
- (b) that, although there was no immediate prospect of money being available to effect a diversion of the main line through Tel-Aviv, in view of the building activity in the vicinity of the site of the proposed station and rising land values, steps should be taken to expropriate immediately the site finally selected for the Tel-Aviv station;
- (c) that the project of diverting the line from Kantara to Port Said could not be pursued as no money would be available for the purpose if the construction of a harbour at Haifa was undertaken.
- (d) that the extension of the broad gauge line from Haifa to the Syrian frontier should not be hastened forward until the Haifa harbour was complete, otherwise it might possibly divert traffic to Beyrout which at present possesses better landing facilities than Haifa;
- (e) that, subject to the concurrence of the Acting General Manager, the Rafa-Beersheba line should be abandoned.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Sturges J. H.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

5 May, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council
One Hundred and Sixteenth Meeting
Held at the Government Offices
On the 5th of May, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Chief Secretary, Lt-Col. G.S. Symes.
Attorney General, Mr. N. de M. Bentwich.
Treasurer, Mr. S.S. Davis.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Anthony's Report. 2. The Council considered Mr. Anthony's recommendations with regard to the creation of a Railway and Harbour Board. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, came to the following conclusions :-

- (a) that there should be separate Railway and Harbour Boards and not a joint board as proposed by Mr. Anthony;
- (b) that the functions of the Railway Board should be of an advisory nature;
- (c) that its membership should include the Deputy Treasurer, the Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, Railway officers and members of the Public; not the District Commissioners;
- (d) that the General Manager, Palestine Railways, should not be Chairman of the Harbour Board;
- (e) that changes in Railway fares and rates should be referred to the High Commissioner in Executive Council for approval.

As regards the proposed powers of the General Manager, the following amendments were approved:-

- (i) Paragraph 4. The General Manager should not have power of reallocation in regard to expenditure on capital works.

- (ii) Paragraph 7. First part to read: "Any refusal to carry out the General Manager's instructions shall render an officer liable to dismissal". Last section, regarding Railway Board, to be deleted.
- (iii) Paragraph 10. The General Manager's power to make appointments to be limited to appointments to posts in the junior service the initial emoluments of which do not exceed £E.300 per annum.

Reference to approval of Railway Board to be deleted.
- (iv) Paragraph 12. To be deleted.
- (v) Paragraph 14. The General Manager to be authorised to make advances to members of Junior Service only.
- (vi) Paragraph 17. To be redrafted in order to make it clear that the provisions of the paragraph do not refer to persons holding permanent and pensionable appointments.
- (vii) Paragraph 18. To be deleted.
- (viii) Paragraph 20. To be redrafted.
- (ix) Paragraph 21. Delete reference to Railway Board in (a) and (b). Provide for a quarterly return to Chief Secretary in (a) and (b). Omit reference to annual limit in (a) and (b) and reduce the maximum in (a) to £E.5.
- (x) Paragraph 25. Delete words "for development etc."
- (xi) Paragraph 26. To be deleted.
- (xii) Paragraph 29. To be amended to provide for Boards of Survey when the value of the building is considerable.
- (xiii) Paragraph 30. To be amended to follow provisions of Financial Regulations.
- (xiv) Paragraph 32. Delete "obtain the sanction of" and substitute "consult".
- (xv) Paragraph 38. To be redrafted.

- (xvi) Paragraph 44. Amend to provide that stores may only be sold to the public by Railways when they can be spared and are not obtainable elsewhere.
- (xvii) Paragraph 45. To be redrafted.
- (xviii) Paragraph 50. To be redrafted.
- (xix) Paragraph 52. To be amended to follow provisions of the regulations regarding the Police Fines Fund.

Reference to Railway Board to be deleted.

Minutes read and confirmed.

James F. H.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

19th May, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council
One Hundred and Seventeenth Meeting
Held at the Government Offices
On the 7th of May, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Chief Secretary, Lt-Col. G.S. Symes.
Attorney General, Mr. N. de M. Bentwich.
Treasurer, Mr. S. S. Davis.

Licensing of Trades
and Industries Ordinance.

Present: Director,
Dept. of Health.

Stamp Duty Ordinance.

1. The draft Licensing of Trades and Industries Ordinance was considered, amended and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

2. The Council considered the Secretary of State's Confidential despatch marked 'C' and dated the 7th of April on the subject of the draft Stamp Duty Ordinance.

With regard to the several points raised by the Secretary of State, it was decided

(a) that the use of impressed stamps in a more extensive manner than provided for in the draft Ordinance, was not practicable at present;

(b) that as the registration fees payable in Palestine upon the transfer of immovable property far more than cover the cost of the services rendered and are a considerable source of revenue to Government no additional stamp duty should be imposed; and the practical difficulties of levying a double charge, registration fee and stamp duty, on such transactions outweigh the value of a division of the charge for theoretical reasons.

His Excellency directed that the Attorney General and Treasurer should deal with the points of detail raised in the despatch.

Poor Prisoners Defence
Ordinance.

3. The draft Poor Prisoners Defence Ordinance was considered and passed for submission to the Secretary of State.

Jewish Community
Regulations.

4. The Council noted a memorandum by the Attorney General on certain proposed amendments of the Regulations for the Organisation of the Jewish Community.

Orthodox Patriarch. 5. The Council considered a letter from the Chairman of the Commission on the Finances of the Orthodox Patriarchate respecting the revocation by his Beatitude of a gift of land to the Ottoman Government in the year 1910. The question was reserved for further investigation.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER.

19th May, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council

One Hundred and Eighteenth Meeting

Held at the Government Offices

On the 19th of May, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Chief Secretary, Lt-Col.G.S. Symes.
A/Attorney General, Mr. R.H. Drayton.
Treasurer, Mr. S. S. Davis.

1. The minutes of the 116th and 117th Meetings were read and confirmed.
2. The Death sentence on Khalil Ahmed Jubran was unanimously confirmed.
3. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided that the exemption from customs dues, under the terms of the Notice published in the Official Gazette of the 16th of January 1926, of articles consigned to the Kupat Cholim should be granted subject to a declaration being furnished, in each case exemption is applied for, to the effect that the articles exempted are solely for the use of the institution.
4. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided that the Department of Customs, Excise and Trade should continue the practice of refunding excise duty on intoxicating liquors manufactured in Palestine and subsequently exported, until the draft Excise Ordinance is enacted. A section will be inserted in that Ordinance validating past refunds.
5. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, approved the exemption from the payment of customs duty of works of art, scientific or artistic collections and specimens or objects of archaeological or scientific interest consigned to the Bezalel Museum, Jerusalem.

Provided that a declaration is given in respect of each article for which exemption is claimed, to the effect that it is not for sale and will not be sold.
6. The Council considered the Secretary of State's Confidential despatch marked A and dated the 22nd of April 1926, on the subject of the Exemption from Taxation (Charities) Ordinance and His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided to proceed with the enactment of the Ordinance.

Death Sentence on
Khalil Ahmed Jubran.

Kupat Cholim.

Present : Director
of Health.
Director of Customs,
Excise and Trade.

Excise Duty on In-
toxicating Liquors.

Present : Director
of Customs, Excise
and Trade.

Bezalel Museum.

Present: Director
of Customs, Excise
and Trade.

Exemption from
Taxation (Charities)
Ordinance.

Huleh Lands Concession.

Present: Director of Public Works.

7. The Council considered a Confidential despatch dated the 7th of April, 1926, from the Secretary of State on the subject of the Huleh Concession.

His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that a reply should be sent to the Secretary of State suggesting that the agreement with Salam Bey should be extended for a further period of one year providing that Salam Bey will agree to surrender the existing Concession at the expiration of that period. If Salam Bey declines to agree to the proposal, then the procedure suggested in paragraph 3 of the Secretary of State's despatch should be followed.

Jaffa-Petah Tikvah Road.

Present: Director of Public Works.
General Manager,
Palestine Railways.

8. The Council considered the question of connecting Jaffa and Petah Tikvah by a properly built road and His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided that the section of the road from the railway crossing near Tel-Aviv station to the Musrara bridge should be reconstructed.

Jaffa-Rehoboth Road.

Present: Director of Public Works.
General Manager,
Palestine Railways.

9. The Council considered the measures to be taken to complete the Jaffa-Rehoboth road the construction of which had been undertaken on the understanding that the Jewish Colonies benefitted by the road would contribute one third of the expense and that Jewish labour would be used.

His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided that, as the original sum of £E.15,000 had proved inadequate, the further sum of £E.7,000 required, should be expended provided the Palestine Zionist Executive guaranteed the repayment of £E.8,000 in ten annual instalments. No condition as to the further use of Jewish labour to be accepted and the work to be put to public tender.

Mr. Anthony's Report.
Personnel.

10. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that a telegram should be sent to the Secretary of State stating that Mr. Anthony's recommendations regarding officers to be obtained from Home Railways were approved and requesting that the appointments should be made.

Sewerage Schemes for
Jerusalem, Jaffa,
Tel-Aviv and Haifa.

11. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that the Secretary of State should be requested to secure the services of a Consulting Engineer to undertake the preparation of sewerage schemes for Jerusalem, Jaffa, Tel-Aviv and Haifa.

12. The Council noted the terms of the Secretary of State's Confidential despatch marked B dated the 22nd of April 1926, on the subject of the assurances to be given to the Italian Government in connection with the Mandate for Palestine.

Minutes read and confirmed.

Sumner J. L.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

2nd June
May, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ONE HUNDRED AND NINETEENTH MEETING
HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE
ON THE 2ND OF JUNE, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. E. Mills.
Acting Attorney General, Mr. R. H. Drayton.
Acting Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Johnson.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Athlit Salt Company. 2. The Council considered a memorandum by the
Director, Department of Customs, Excise and Trade,
on the subject of the Athlit Salt Company and the
matter was reserved for further consideration.

Exemption of Tin Plates. 3. His Excellency, with the advice of the
Council, decided to recommend to the Secretary of
State that sheets of tin plate should be exempted
from the payment of Customs duty.

Exemption of articles consigned to the Jewish National and University Library. 4. His Excellency, with the advice of the
Council, approved of the exemption from payment
of Customs duty, under the Notice published in
the Official Gazette dated the 16th of January,
1926, of works of art, scientific or artistic
collections and specimens or objects of archaeo-
logical or scientific interest consigned to the
Jewish National and University Library. The
application for exemption of articles of equip-
ment was not approved.

Prevention of
muggling.

5. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that the Secretary of State should be requested to sanction the increase of the existing Preventive Force to 1 officer and 24 men for the period of one year, at the expiration of which the matter would be reconsidered. The men enlisted would be supernumerary members of the Police Force.

Minutes read and confirmed.

James J. H.

HIGH COMMISSIONER.

10 June, 1926.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTIETH MEETING
HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES
ON THE 10TH OF JUNE, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. E. Mills.
Acting Attorney General, Mr. R.H. Drayton.
Acting Treasurer, Mr. W.J. Johnson.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. His Excellency the High Commissioner directed that an application from the "Nesher" Cement Company for an increase in the Import Duty on cement should be reviewed in the autumn after the Factory has been working for twelve months.

3. His Excellency, with the advice of the council, approved of the exemption from payment of import duty under paragraph (a) of the Notice published in the Official Gazette dated the 16th of January, 1924, of equipment, medical supplies, surgical appliances and instruments consigned to medical institutions mentioned on a list submitted by the Director of Health.

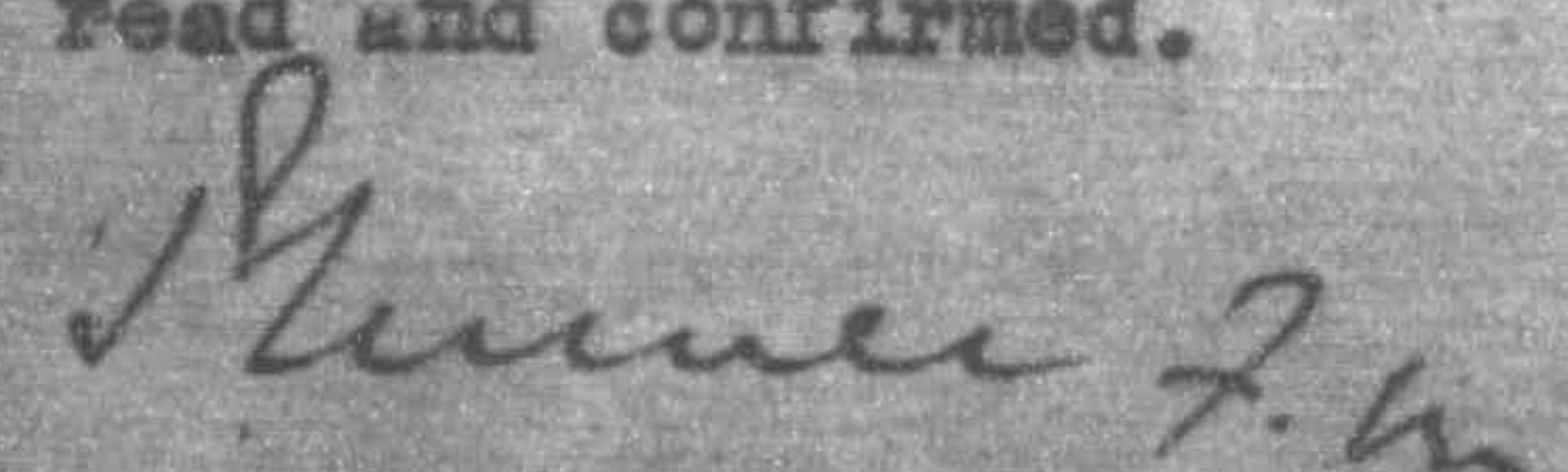
His Excellency approved of a similar exemption under paragraph (b) of the Notice in respect of articles of equipment etc. consigned to the Agricultural Experimental Station, Tel-Aviv.

4. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided to recommend to the Secretary of State that the widow and children of the late Police Constable Hamid Abu Ali el Huda should be granted pensions under the provisions of Section 19 of the Pensions Ordinance.

5. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided that Khalil Effendi Arekat of the Frontier Force could not be recommended for pension or gratuity on retirement.

6. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided to recommend to the Secretary of State that a gratuity should be paid to the legal personal representative of the late George Bey Khoury, under the provisions of Section 18 of the Pensions Ordinance.

Minutes read and confirmed.


HIGH COMMISSIONER.

16 June, 1926.

"Nesher" Cement
Factory.

Exemptions from
Import Duty.

Pension to depen-
dents of the late
Hamid Abu Ali el
Huda.

Khalil Eff. Arekat.

Late George Bey
Khoury.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIRST MEETING

HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES

ON THE 16TH JUNE, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.

Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. E.Mills.

Acting Attorney General, Mr. R.H. Drayton.

Acting Treasurer, Mr. W.J. Johnson.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

thlit Salt Company. 2. His Excellency, with the advice of the majority of the Council, decided to recommend to the Secretary of State that, after the termination of the present Government monopoly for the sale of salt, an excise duty of £.2 per ton should be collected on locally produced salt and an import duty of £.2.500m/ms per ton on foreign salt imported from abroad.

Import duty on sugar.3. The Council considered a memorandum from the Director, Department of Customs, Excise and Trade, recommending a reduction in the import duty on sugar. It was agreed that it would be inadvisable at the present time to make any reduction in the rate of import duty on sugar nor would it be possible effectively to impose a protective duty on imported confectionery, sweets, etc ., until such time as a Customs barrier is established between Palestine and Syria.

Coroners Ordinance. 4. The Council considered observations by the Secretary of State on certain sections of the draft Coroners Ordinance.

His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, directed that the word "Administrative" should be inserted before "Officers" in Section 2 and the

Secretary/

Secretary of State informed of this decision. It should also be indicated in the despatch that if in practice undue work was thrown on Administrative Officers as a result of the decision, it might be found necessary to widen the field of selection. Section 16(a) of the bill should be deleted.

Exemption from Import Duty. 5. His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, approved of the exemption from customs duty of articles imported by the Jewish Palestine Exploration Society and the German School of Archaeology, under paragraph (e) of the Notice dated the 16th of January, 1926, under the Customs Duties Exemption Ordinance, 1924.

Matters for Advisory Council. 6. The Council read through the draft Ordinances which were to be laid before the forthcoming Advisory Council. His Excellency enquired whether the word "Convents" should not be inserted before "Monasteries" in Clause 3(1) of the draft Exemption from Taxation (Religious and Charitable Institutions and Government Departments) Ordinance.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER.

22nd June, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council
One Hundred and Twenty-Second Meeting
Held at the Government Offices
On the 22nd of June, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
Acting Chief Secretary, Mr. E. Mills.
Acting Attorney General, Mr. R. H. Drayton.
Acting Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Johnson.

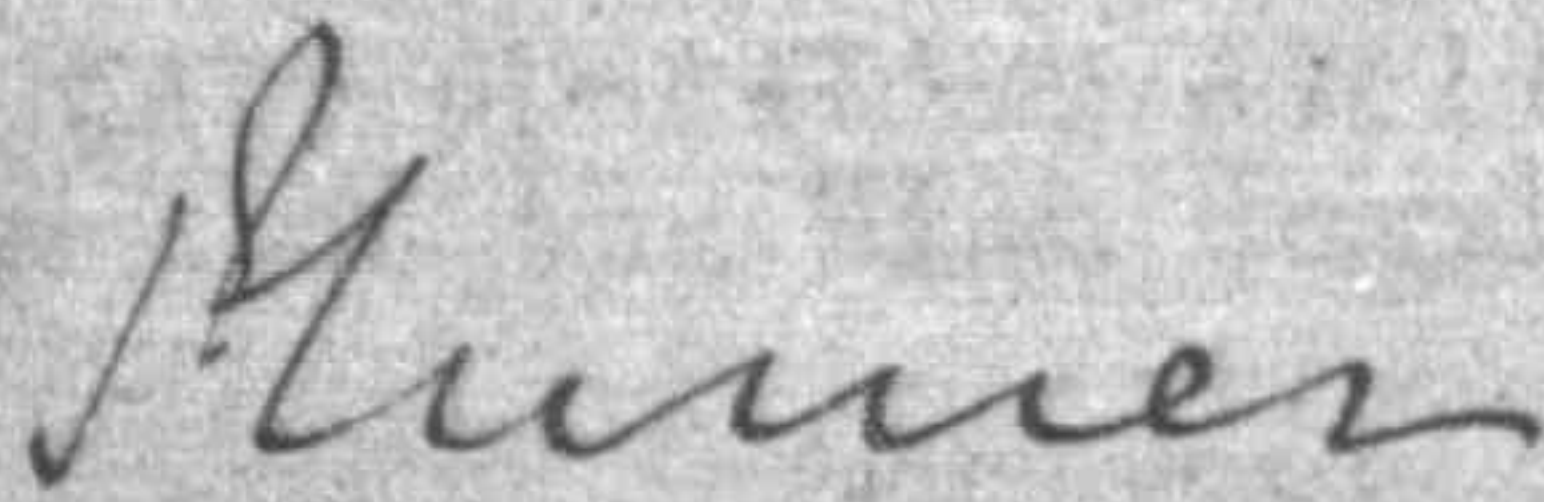
1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Advisory Council.

2. Bills for consideration by the Advisory Council on the 24th of June were read by the Council.

His Excellency, with the advice of the Council, decided that the draft Exemption from Taxation (Religious and Charitable Institutions and Government Departments) Ordinance 1926, should be withdrawn from the Advisory Council and redrafted.

Minutes read and confirmed.


HIGH COMMISSIONER.

21 June, 1926.

Minutes of the Executive Council
One Hundred and Twenty-Third Meeting
Held at the Government Offices
On the 28th June, 1926.

Present : His Excellency the High Commissioner,
Lord Plumer.
A/Chief Secretary, Mr. E. Mills.
A/Attorney General, Mr. R.H. Drayton.
A/Treasurer, Mr. W.J. Johnson.

1. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

2. An application from the Jewish National Fund for special treatment in respect of transfer fees payable in connection with the registration of the site of the Hebrew Technical Institute, Haifa, was reserved for further consideration.

3. The Council considered the question of providing for expenditure on the Ain Farah Water Scheme and it was decided :-

- (a) that a Government grant not exceeding £E.54,000 to meet capital expenditure on the scheme, should be made to the Municipality of Jerusalem: any profit from the working of the Jerusalem Water Supply to accrue to Government, until the Concessionaire's scheme comes into operation;
- (b) that the water rate should be raised from 50m/ms to 65m/ms per 100 gallons, having in view the fact that the capital for a scheme, of benefit to rate payers and water consumers of Jerusalem only, was being provided from tax payers funds;
- (c) that all expenditure from Jerusalem Water Supply funds until the Concessionaire's scheme comes into operation shall be subject to the approval of the High Commissioner.

Minutes read and confirmed.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER.

15 July, 1926.

Hebrew Technical
Institute, Haifa.

Ain Farah Water
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